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SUBJECT: JUNE 14 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. LEE LESCAZE OF WASHINGTON POST QUOTED SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AS SAYING SOVIET UNION'S FAILURE TO ADHERE TO HELSINKI AGREEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS RAISES CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER SOVIETS WOULD COMPLY WITH NEW STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT. PATRICIA DERIAN, DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR SPOKE TO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY IN WASHINGTON. LESCAZE QUOTED HER AS SAYING HELSINKI AND SALT ARE BOUND UP TOGETHER IN SOME WAYS AND THAT THEY "TEST SERIOUSNESS OF PEOPLE'S WILLINGNESS TO LIVE BY THEIR COMMITMENTS." LESCAZE REPORTED THAT PREPARED REMARK THAT DERIAN DID NOT READ -- CONCERNING 1975 HELSINKI AGREEMENTS ON GREATER FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION, HUMAN CONTACTS, INFORMATION, RELIGION AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES -- SPELLED OUT IN MORE DETAIL POSSIBLE LINKAGE OF HELSINKI AND SALT: "CAN LE AMERICANS, IN GOVERNMENT,
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CONGRESS AND PUBLIC, HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT MOSCOW WILL LIVE UP TO SALT IF THEY CONTINUE TO FLOUT" HELSINKI?

2. JUNE 20 NEWSWEEK REPORTED THAT U.S. PLANS FOR NEUTRON BOMB "CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE TO PRESIDENT CARTER.... PRESIDENT FIRST READ ABOUT BOMB IN NEWSPAPER STORY -- BUT DESPITE HIS ANNOYANCE AT BEING CAUGHT OFF GUARD, HE IS

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STILL EXPECTED TO APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPON."
NEWSWEEK ALSO REPORTED THAT DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN "IS
TRYING TO COOL ARDOR OF NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS FOR U.S.
CRUISE MISSILE." NEWSWEEK SAID MINISTERS AT OTTAWA MEETING
LAST WEEK "HAILED SLIM, NUCLEAR-TIPPED, ROBOT JET BOMBER
AS MIRACLE WEAPON, ABSOLUTE DETERRENT AGAINST RUSSIAN
SN K ATTACK. THEY ASKED TO BE CONSULTED SHOULD U.S.
CONSIDER TRADING OFF MISSILE FOR SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBERS
IN FORTHCOMING SALT TALKS WITH USSR. BROWN HAD TO CAUTION
NATO ALLIES THAT CRUISE MISSILE IS STILL IN DEVELOPMENTAL
STAGE AND -- FLYING AT ONLY 450 MILES AN HOUR -- MIGHT
PROVE VULNERABLE TO RUSSIAN AIR DEFENSES. BROWN OBVIOUSLY
WANTS TO AVOID LOSING OPTIONS IN HORSE-TRADING WITH MOSCOW
OVER ARMS LIMITATION."

3. TAKASHI OKA OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR REPORTED THAT
PUBLIC INQUIRY OPENS IN ENGLAND JUNE 14 INTO LONG-STANDING
PROPOSAL TO BUILD BILLION-DOLLAR NUCLEAR REPROCESSING
PLANT AT WINDSCALE ON CUMBRIAN COAST. OUTCOME OF PUBLIC
INQUIRY, WHICH MAY LAST INTO FALL, WILL DETERMINE WHETHER
BRITAIN WINS PROFITABLE CONTRACTS TO REPROCESS SPEMT
NUCLEAR FUEL FROM JAPAN, WEST GERMANY, SWEDEN, AND OTHER
COUNTRIES. OPPOSITION TO PLANT FOCUSES ON TWO DANGERS,
OKA SAID, RADIATION AND NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

4. JACK ANDERSON AND LES WHITTEN, IN JUNE 13 WASHINGTON
POST, OBSERVED THAT "POLITICAL CHANGEOVER IN WASHINGTON CAN
PRODUCE SOME SPLENDID GYMNASTICS AS TOP OFFICIALS SCRAMBLE
TO SWITCH COURSE." THEY SAID ERDA ADMINISTRATOR ROBERT
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FRI, "AS PRESIDENT FORD'S MAN FRI," WAS "DEVOTED PROPONENT
OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. HE SOLEMNLY CALLED FOR PRODUCTION OF
LETHAL FUEL PLUTONIUM DESPITE PROTEST OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS.
BUT AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAN FRI, HE NOW WANTS TO STORE
PLUTONIUM UNTIL SAFER METHOD IS DEVELOPED TO USE IT IN
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. SO FAR, FRI'S VERSATILITY HAS
WORKED, HE HAS SURVIVED DEMOCRATIC PURGE." CHRISTOPHER

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